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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper responds to the Office Action (Paper 9) dated July 30, 2002, time for response to which expires August 30, 2002. In response to the species election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, species (a), "particles having a zeta potential between 25-100mV". As set forth in the Office Action, claims 1-35 are generic. Accordingly, claims 1-35 read on the elected species, "particles having a zeta potential between 25-100mV".

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Respectfully submitted,

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